



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Right turn restriction at Tehama and East Streets in Redding**

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the City of Redding, will post on Friday, January 21, 2011, "No Right Turn on Red" signs for traffic travelling northbound on East Street at the Tehama Street intersection in Redding, near Shasta Regional Medical Center. The reason for the turn restriction is to reduce conflicts between pedestrians crossing East Street and/or Tehama Street (State Route 44) and traffic turning right at the intersection. Motorists typically have to look to their left to observe approaching traffic when making a right-on-red maneuver. When this occurs, it is easy for motorists to lose track of pedestrian activity to the right of the vehicle.

Due to the number of reports of "close calls" from pedestrians at this intersection, it was decided to eliminate the right-on-red option. Additionally, Caltrans will modify the traffic signal timing to provide a leading pedestrian interval prior to the light turning green for northbound East Street traffic. This gives pedestrians an opportunity to start walking and establish presence in the crosswalk before motorists can begin their turn. When making a right turn after the signal turns green, motorists need to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

These changes will improve pedestrian safety at this intersection. For more information please contact the Caltrans Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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